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The following is a summary of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for

1. Pol Dasht  
26 August

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:  
Two passenger and freight trains.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:  
Three trains composed of 11 cars carrying 500  
armed soldiers, and four cars carrying 11  
105 mm anti-aircraft and four heavy machine  
guns.

2. Moghan Steppe  
24 August The Soviets are changing the members of frontier  
posts in this area.

3, Astara  
24 August      Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Ten trucks carrying flour, barbed wire, and telegraph wire; 20 armed soldiers.

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Astara continued-

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Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Nine carts carrying logs and flour; three tractors; ten soldiers carrying shovels.

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Eleven trucks carrying civilians, flour, and wood.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Ten trucks carrying wood and boxes; nine carts carrying 23 armed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Seven trucks carrying wood; nine armed soldiers; four carts.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Six trucks carrying 12 armed soldiers, flour, and logs; three carts carrying 11 armed soldiers and six civilians.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One auto carrying two officers.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Six trucks carrying flour, logs, and wood.

26 August

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Twenty-three trucks carrying, flour, wood, logs, and iron barrels; 14 carts carrying two civilians, telegraph poles, and wire; 30 armed soldiers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Fourteen trucks carrying flour, logs, and furniture; six carts carrying doors and windows; 12 civilians.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Eleven trucks carrying barrels, flour, and logs.

4. Lutfabad  
25 August

Westbound rail traffic, Kaskha to Ashkhabad: Six trains composed of 139 passenger cars, of which 36 carried armed soldiers.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaskha: Five freight trains partially composed of tank cars and cars carrying rails, and 30 cars carrying civilians.

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East and westbound rail traffic between Kaskha and Ashkhabad: Five trains of unknown make-up.

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